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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
11 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

12 STAR FABRICS, INC., a California  
13 Corporation,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION, an  
17 Illinois Corporation; SEARS, ROEBUCK &  
18 COMPANY, a Delaware Corporation;  
19 ICONIX BRAND GROUP, INC., a Delaware  
20 Corporation d/b/a "BONGO;" JONES  
21 JEANSWEAR GROUP, INC., a New York  
Corporation; and DOES 1 through 10,

22 Defendants.

Case No.:

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR:

1. COPYRIGHT  
INFRINGEMENT;

AND

2. VICARIOUS AND/OR  
CONTRIBUTORY COPYRIGHT  
INFRINGEMENT.

Jury Trial Demanded

23 Star Fabrics, Inc., by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby prays to  
24 this honorable Court for relief based on the following:  
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26 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

27 1. This action arises under the Copyright Act of 1976, Title 17 U.S.C., § 101

1 *et seq.*

2 2. This Court has federal question jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and  
3 1338 (a) and (b).

4 3. Venue in this judicial district is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c) and  
5 1400(a) in that this is the judicial district in which a substantial part of the acts and  
6 omissions giving rise to the claims occurred.

7 **PARTIES**

8 4. Plaintiff STAR FABRICS, INC. is a corporation organized and existing  
9 under the laws of the State of California with its principal place of business located  
10 at 1440 East Walnut Street, Los Angeles, California 90011.

11 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant  
12 SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION is a corporation organized and existing under  
13 the laws of the state of Illinois with its principal place of business located at 3333  
14 Beverly Rd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60179, and is doing business in and with the state  
15 of California.

16 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant  
17 SEARS, ROEBUCK & COMPANY (collectively with SEARS HOLDINGS  
18 CORPORATION, "SEARS") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws  
19 of the state of Delaware with its principal place of business located at 3333 Beverly  
20 Rd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60179, and is doing business in and with the state of  
21 California.

22 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant  
23 ICONIX BRAND GROUP, INC. d/b/a "BONGO" ("BONGO") is a corporation  
24 organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware with its principal  
25 place of business located at 1450 Broadway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10018, and is  
26 doing business in and with the state of California.

27 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant

1 JONES JEANSWEAR GROUP, INC. (“JONES”) is a corporation organized and  
2 existing under the laws of the state of New York with its principal place of business  
3 located at 180 Rittenhouse Circle, Bristol, PA 19007, and is doing business in and  
4 with the state of California.

5 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants  
6 DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, are other parties not yet identified who have infringed  
7 Plaintiff’s copyrights, have contributed to the infringement of Plaintiff’s copyrights,  
8 or have engaged in one or more of the wrongful practices alleged herein. The true  
9 names, whether corporate, individual or otherwise, of Defendants 1 through 10,  
10 inclusive, are presently unknown to Plaintiff, which therefore sues said Defendants  
11 by such fictitious names, and will seek leave to amend this Complaint to show their  
12 true names and capacities when same have been ascertained.

13 10. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all times  
14 relevant hereto each Defendant was the agent, affiliate, officer, director, manager,  
15 principal, alter-ego, and/or employee of the remaining Defendants and was at all  
16 times acting within the scope of such agency, affiliation, alter-ego relationship  
17 and/or employment and actively participated in, subsequently ratified and/or adopted  
18 each and all of the acts or conduct alleged, with full knowledge of all the facts and  
19 circumstances, including, but not limited to, full knowledge of each violation of  
20 Plaintiff’s rights and the damages to Plaintiff proximately caused thereby.

21 **CLAIMS RELATED TO DESIGN NO. 40050**

22 11. Plaintiff is and at all relevant times was the exclusive owner of an original  
23 two-dimensional artwork used for purposes of textile printing entitled 40050  
24 (“Subject Design A”).

25 12. Plaintiff applied for and received a United States Copyright Registration  
26 for Subject Design A.

27 13. Prior to the acts complained of herein, Plaintiff sampled and sold fabric  
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bearing Subject Design A to numerous parties in the fashion and apparel industries.

14. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that following this distribution of product bearing Subject Design A, SEARS, BONGO, JONES, and/or DOE Defendants, and each of them, created, manufactured, caused to be manufactured, imported, distributed, and/or sold fabric and/or garments comprised of fabric featuring a design which is identical, or substantially similar, to Subject Design A (hereinafter “Subject Product A”) without Plaintiff’s authorization, including but not limited to garments sold by SEARS under SKU 705143231419 and bearing the label “BONGO” and RN 89828, which indicates that the garments were manufactured by or for ICONIX and JONES. An image of Subject Design A and an exemplar of Subject Product A are set forth hereinbelow:

**Subject Design A**



**Subject Product A**



### **CLAIMS RELATED TO DESIGN NO. 64612**

15. Plaintiff is and at all relevant times was the exclusive owner of an original two-dimensional artwork used for purposes of textile printing entitled 64612 (“Subject Design B”).

16. Plaintiff applied for and received a United States Copyright Registration

for Subject Design B.

17. Prior to the acts complained of herein, Plaintiff sampled and sold fabric bearing Subject Design B to numerous parties in the fashion and apparel industries.

18. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that following this distribution of product bearing Subject Design B, SEARS and/or DOE Defendants, and each of them, created, manufactured, caused to be manufactured, imported, distributed, and/or sold fabric and/or garments comprised of fabric featuring a design which is identical, or substantially similar, to Subject Design B (hereinafter “Subject Product B”) without Plaintiff’s authorization, including but not limited to garments sold by SEARS under SKU 883333027513 and bearing the label “Canyon River Blues” and RN 15099 which indicates that the garments were manufactured by or for SEARS. An image of Subject Design B and an exemplar of Subject Product B are set forth hereinbelow:

**Subject Design B**



**Subject Product B**



**CLAIMS RELATED TO DESIGN NO. 64624**

19. Plaintiff is and at all relevant times was the exclusive owner of an original two-dimensional artwork used for purposes of textile printing entitled 64624



(“Subject Design C”).

20. Plaintiff applied for and received a United States Copyright Registration for Subject Design C.

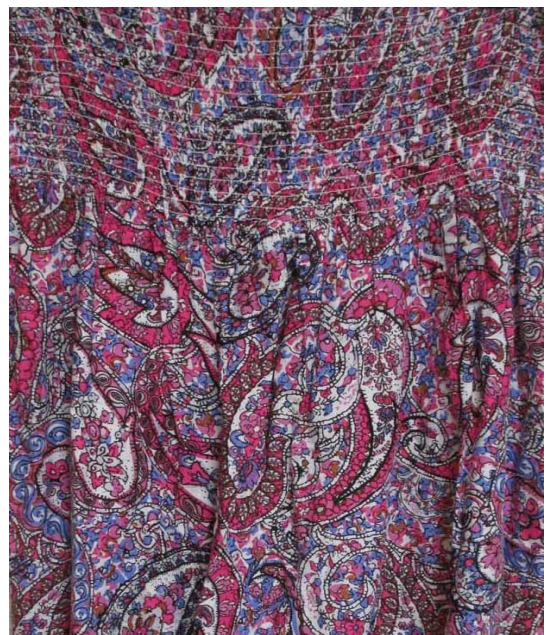
21. Prior to the acts complained of herein, Plaintiff sampled and sold fabric bearing Subject Design C to numerous parties in the fashion and apparel industries.

22. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that following this distribution of product bearing Subject Design C, SEARS and/or DOE Defendants, and each of them, created, manufactured, caused to be manufactured, imported, distributed, and/or sold fabric and/or garments comprised of fabric featuring a design which is identical, or substantially similar, to Subject Design C (hereinafter “Subject Product C”) without Plaintiff’s authorization, including but not limited to garments sold by SEARS under SKU 622793450727 and bearing the label “Justify” and RN 15099, which indicates that the garments were manufactured by or for SEARS. An image of Subject Design C and an exemplar of Subject Product C are set forth hereinbelow:

**Subject Design C**



**Subject Product C**



**FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

(For Copyright Infringement - Against All Defendants, and Each)

23. Plaintiff repeats, realleges and incorporates herein by reference as though fully set forth the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint.

24. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, had access to Subject Designs A, B, and/or C (collectively, "Subject Designs"), including, without limitation, through (a) access to Plaintiff's showroom and/or design library; (b) access to illegally distributed copies of Subject Designs by third-party vendors and/or DOE Defendants, including without limitation international and/or overseas converters and printing mills; (c) access to Plaintiff's strike-offs and samples, and (d) access to garments in the marketplace manufactured with lawfully printed fabric bearing Subject Designs.

25. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that one or more of the Defendants manufactures garments and/or is a garment vendor. Plaintiff is further informed and believes and thereon alleges that said Defendant(s), and each of them, has an ongoing business relationship with Defendant retailers, and each of them, and supplied garments to said retailers, which garments infringed Subject Designs in that said garments were composed of fabric which featured unauthorized print designs that were identical or substantially similar to Subject Designs, or were an illegal modification thereof.

26. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, infringed Plaintiff's copyright by creating, making and/or developing directly infringing and/or derivative works from Subject Designs and by producing, distributing and/or selling product bearing unauthorized reproductions of Subject Designs (hereinafter, "Subject Product") through a nationwide network of retail stores, catalogues, and through on-line websites.





1 infringement as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer  
2 damages in an amount to be established at trial.

3 34. Due to Defendants', and each of their, acts of copyright infringement as  
4 alleged herein, Defendants, and each of them, have obtained profits they would not  
5 otherwise have realized but for their infringement of Subject Designs. As such,  
6 Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of Defendants', and each of their, profits  
7 attributable to Defendants' infringement of Subject Designs, in an amount to be  
8 established at trial.

9 35. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and  
10 each of them, have committed copyright infringement with actual or constructive  
11 knowledge of Plaintiff's rights such that said acts of copyright infringement were,  
12 and continue to be, willful, intentional and malicious.

### 13 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

14 Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

- 15 a. That Defendants—each of them—and their respective agents and  
16 servants be enjoined from importing, manufacturing, distributing,  
17 offering for sale, selling or otherwise trafficking in any product that  
18 infringes Plaintiff's copyrights in Subject Designs;
- 19 b. That Plaintiff be awarded all profits of Defendants, and each of them,  
20 plus all losses of Plaintiff, the exact sum to be proven at the time of trial,  
21 or, if elected before final judgment, statutory damages as available under  
22 the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;
- 23 c. That Plaintiff be awarded its attorneys' fees as available under the  
24 Copyright Act U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;
- 25 d. That Plaintiff be awarded pre-judgment interest as allowed by law;
- 26 e. That Plaintiff be awarded the costs of this action; and
- 27 f. That Plaintiff be awarded such further legal and equitable relief as the

1 Court deems proper.

2 Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all issues so triable pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P.  
3 38 and the 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution.

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5 Dated: April 16, 2014

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7 By: /s/ Annie Aboulian  
8 Stephen M. Doniger, Esq.  
9 Annie Aboulian, Esq.  
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